

WILSON MAKES NEW PLEA TO RAILWAYS

ROBBERY THOUGHT MURDER REASON; NEGRO ARRESTED

Slayer Says Quarrel Over Beer
Caused Killing.

J. W. HODGES IS THE VICTIM

Roadhouse Keeper Was to
Have Faced Trial Soon.

Consensus of official opinion today was that robbery was the motive behind the cold-blooded murder of Jack W. Hodges, an alleged bootlegger, at his home early Sunday morning. York McGowan, a negro, self-confessed slayer, asserted in his written confession that he killed Hodges with a heavy pipe following a quarrel over beer at the Hodge roadhouse, Fifth street and Santa Fe avenue, but officers of the city and county scout that reason.

Officers believe McGowan knew Hodges had \$100 or more in cash on his person during the evening, and that while Hodges lay asleep on his porch, the negro crushed his skull with a big pipe.

Talk of lynching the negro was heard last night, according to information carried to Sheriff Bimby by a friend, it became known today, but a move of that kind did not materialize. The sheriff did not take any extra precautions.

An information was prepared by Assistant County Attorney Selby this morning against McGowan. He is charged with first degree murder. The information will be filed before Justice of the Peace McWilliams, who assisted in the case yesterday.

Friend Finds Body.
J. W. Barry, a friend of Hodges, found the body about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning. Barry employed McGowan Saturday night to work at the Hodge place. Barry notified the officers, who started a search throughout the city, and officers in surrounding counties. Suspicion lay on McGowan from the first. The negro was found at a rooming house on East First street at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Hodges' 11-year-old son was found sleeping inside the house after the tragedy.

The negro said during Saturday evening he had been at the Hodge place and served several automobile parties. Late in the night, he said, Hodges instructed him to count the bottles of beer in the "plants."

Quarrel Over Beer.
"I told him there were six bottles in there," the negro said. "He told me there were more than that and I said

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DEAN TO RECEIVE AUTO FROM CHURCH MEMBERS AS GIFT

Dean Frederick J. Bate of St. Paul's Episcopal cathedral will be presented Wednesday with an auto touring car for use in the performance of his religious duties. The car will be considered a part of the regular church equipment.

Popular subscription among members of St. Paul's made the gift possible.

Wheat Crop Nearly Of Average Size

ROME, Aug. 21.—The international institute of agriculture reports that with harvesting virtually completed in most European countries, indications are that the 1916 world's wheat supply will be almost 25 percent less than last year's. It is pointed out, however, that 1915 was a bumper year and that the new crop will be nearly up to the average between 1900 and 1913.

Wind Kills Woman 104 Years Old

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 21.—At LaPorta, just southeast of Alice, as a result of Friday's hurricane, a Mexican woman 104 years old, was killed when her home was demolished. Her aged husband died Saturday from injuries received at the same time.

Youth Walks 100 Miles to Confess Robbery of Mail

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 21.—Declaring he had robbed the postoffice at Slab Fork, near Coburn, W. Va., in 1914, and now wanted to pay the penalty, Charles Kumito, 30 years old, surrendered himself to the local federal authorities. He said he decided to give himself up after dreaming he had been arrested. He said he walked more than 100 miles through the mountains to reach Charleston.

STATE INSURANCE URGED BY LABOR HEAD IN REPORT

Fenton Also Recommends
Compensation Law Changes.

Discussion of legislative work for the coming year occupies the greater part of the annual report of Edgar Fenton, president of the Oklahoma State Federation of Labor, to be read at the state convention of the association today in Tulsa.

Previous to leaving for the convention Mr. Fenton made the statement that he would recommend to the convention that the legislative committee of the organization be instructed to draft and present to the next legislature an amendment embodying an exclusive state insurance feature.

He will also recommend amendments to the present state compensation law as follows:

On Compensation Law.
An amendment to section 2 of article 1, stating more clearly the occupations and industries coming within the provisions of the law, in order that all doubt on the point may be removed.

An amendment to section 1 of article 2, striking out the words "provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any employer unless he shall employ more than two workmen."

An amendment striking out the waiting period and providing for the payment of compensation from the date of injury.

An amendment to section 4 of article 2, changing the limitation on medical attendance from fifteen to ninety days after the injury.

Amendments increasing the schedule of compensation both as to number of weeks for which the compensation is payable, and from 50 to 66 2-3 percent of the wages.

Increasing Payments.
An amendment increasing the maximum weekly payments.

The report of Ollie S. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the federation, will show that the organization has grown considerably during the past year. Numerous affiliations have been made and few suspensions have occurred. A healthy financial condition will be shown in his paper.

Visitors Many at State Federation

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Opening sessions of the annual convention of the Oklahoma State Federation of Labor today were marked by the arrival and registration of about 200 delegates and almost 1,000 visitors.

Among the early arrivals at the convention headquarters in the Brady hotel were the state officials of the organization and several men who will be among the principal speakers at the gathering. All business sessions of the convention will be held in the Grand opera house.

**Partly Cloudy; No
Change Expected**
Local Forecast—Partly cloudy and unsettled; not much change in temperature.
State Forecast—Tonight and Tuesday unsettled.

KANSAS—Probably fair and cooler.
ARKANSAS—Unsettled.
WEST TEXAS—Unsettled.

**HOURLY
TEMPERATURE**
10 p. m. 82
11 p. m. 81
12 midnight 81
1 a. m. 80
2 a. m. 79
3 a. m. 77
4 a. m. 75
5 a. m. 73
6 a. m. 72
7 a. m. 71
8 a. m. 70
9 a. m. 69
10 a. m. 68
11 a. m. 67
12 noon 67
1 p. m. 68
2 p. m. 69
3 p. m. 70
4 p. m. 71
5 p. m. 72
6 p. m. 73
7 p. m. 74
8 p. m. 75
9 p. m. 76
10 p. m. 77
11 p. m. 78
12 midnight 79

ITALIANS JOIN ALLIES' DRIVE ON SALONIKI FRONT

Troops Disembark at Greek
Port, Dispatch Says.

MEANS WAR ON GERMANY

Reinforcements Taken to Indi-
cate Extensive Campaign.

PARIS, Aug. 21.—Italian troops began to disembark at Saloniki Sunday, says the Havas dispatch from that point.

Active participation by Italian troops in the Saloniki campaign means the existence of a state of war between Germany and Italy, as Germany is directing the operations against the allies on this front and official German reports show she has forces there. Some Austrian troops also, probably are employed and possibly Turks, but the major portion of the army is made up of Bulgarians. Recent reports have indicated the withdrawal of Austrian troops from the Balkans for use on the Russian and Italian fronts.

Means Big Campaign.
As the entente allies are believed to have a force of some 700,000 British, French and Serbian troops on the Saloniki front the sending of reinforcements at this time, just after the opening of hostilities on a large scale would indicate that the allies have embarked on a campaign of extensive proportions. Italy, which has a considerable surplus of troops, has been urged to take a more active part in the Balkan operations, but was believed to have refrained partly on account of the fact that she was not at war with Germany.

Declaration Expected.
There have been several recent indications, however, that a declaration of hostilities is forthcoming. A commercial treaty between Germany and Italy, which was actually, though not formally at war with Italy, and last week it was reported that the defense of Trieste would be taken over by Germans. Italian participation in the Balkan operations hitherto has been limited to occupation of the Albanian port of Avlona, which was effected before Italy declared war on Austria.

The German statement today says the German and Bulgarian forces which have taken the offensive on the western end of the Balkan front are pushing southward in Greece. They have wrested further positions from

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Gallinger Asks Ruble Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Senator Gallinger's resolution calling upon the chairman of the federal trade commission to say by what authority George Rublee of New Hampshire served as a member of the commission without compensation, his nomination having been rejected, was adopted today by the senate. This action is expected to bring the long controversy to a head and probably settle the question of whether a presidential appointee can continue in office after the senate refuses to accept him.

Nonagenarian Dies On First Auto Ride

SALEM, Va., Aug. 21.—A. W. Garner of Drapersville was 90 years old before he ventured to take a ride in an automobile. Sunday afternoon the car in which he took his first ride plunged over a sixty-foot embankment, turned over five times before it struck and killed Garner and injured four others, including his wife.

Scarcity of Paper Cuts Hotel Menu

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Because of the scarcity and high cost of paper one of the leading hotels here announced today that it will reduce the size of its menu cards beginning September 1.

VILLA CHIEF HIMSELF CUTS OFF EARS OF SCORE OF PRISONERS

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 21.—A story of a Villa chieftain who with his own hands cut off the ears of twenty prisoners is told in the El Democrata of Chihuahua City. The chief who committed the atrocity was Baudelio Uribe, commander during Villa's recent raid on Altamira.

Uribe captured a small body of de facto government soldiers, according to the statement, and called upon them to join his band. Twenty of them failed to respond. Finding them stubborn, Uribe trimmed their ears and then ordered a captain to shoot them. The order was carried out just as a rescuing party came up.

The bodies were recovered by the government troops.

LAST RESORT IN RAIL TROUBLE



Top, left to right, Frank A. Vanderlip, J. P. Morgan, Jacob Schiff; center, William Rockefeller; below, Louis W. Hill. These men, leading financiers of the country, are among those to whom President Wilson threatens to appeal to settle the threatened railroad strike. They are powers behind the transportation interests, and if the railroad presidents persist in their refusal to accept Wilson's plan, the president says he will ask the financiers to interpose.

JAPANESE SEEK PANAMA LAND; PROBE ORDERED

Lansing Directs Investigation
of Reported Land Grant.

PANAMA, Aug. 21.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 60,000 acre land grant at the Atlantic end of the canal is being sought by a Spaniard named Fernandez, presumably for Japanese interests was ordered today by Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lansing refused to discuss the report in detail, but it was considered significant that the department should start an investigation.

Rumors of a similar nature have been common ever since the canal was well under way. In the past it was commonly reported in diplomatic circles that private Japanese shipping interests were seeking land through Spanish intermediaries to establish a base for storing coal at lower rates than could be had from the American government monopoly base. The present reports are that Fernandez, Havana agent for Japanese interests, obtained a 60,000 acre land concession through the activity of Ramon Valdez, whose recent election to the presidency of Panama may possibly be disputed by the United States because of alleged frauds and obscenity.

SENATE TAKES UP IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—By 27 to 24 the senate today voted to take up the immigration bill, which the democratic caucus had determined to postpone until next session. Eight democrats voted with the republicans for the motion.

When debate on the provisions relating to Asiatics was begun the galleries were cleared and those features proceeded with in secret.

Woman's Revolver Settles Problem Of Mother-in-Law

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Armed with a revolver Mrs. Katherine Whitgrave invaded the home of her mother-in-law Sunday and compelled the return of her baby. Although the elder Mrs. Whitgrave is the granddaughter of the warrior Colonel James A. Mulligan, who commanded the Irish brigade in the civil war, she agreed to an unconditional surrender when the weapon was displayed.

"My husband kidnapped my child after he deserted me," declared the younger Mrs. Whitgrave. "I've got her now and I'll fight to keep her." The baby's father, Beverly S. Whitgrave, is an automobile salesman in the south.

Chicago Baby Enters Life in Speeding Hearse

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—Otto Rodenburg, a chauffeur for an undertaking firm, was on his way to deliver a coffin, when he drove beside a street car and was hailed by the conductor.

"There's a sick woman in this car," the conductor said. "I wish you'd take her to a hospital." Rodenburg stopped and, aided by the conductor and a policeman, transferred the woman from the street car to his hearse. She said she was Mrs. Mildred Volensky and had left her home hurriedly for a hospital.

The chauffeur speeded for a hospital, but when he reached there he had two passengers. Mrs. Volensky and her baby boy were carried into the hospital at which institution it was said today that mother and child were doing nicely.

YEAR'S YIELD OF CRUDE OIL IS GREATEST EVER

Production in 1915 Reaches
426,892,673 Barrels.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The world's production of crude petroleum in 1915—426,892,673 barrels—was the greatest in the history of the industry. Figures of the geological survey today show that the output was greater by 28,194,307 barrels than the previous record of 1914. The bulk of the increase in output in 1915 came from the United States and Mexico, though Russia, Argentina and Japan recorded significant gains. The United States led in production with 281,104,104 barrels. Russia came second with 68,548,092 barrels and Mexico third with 32,910,308 barrels.

Boy Takes Dare; Rides to Death

STANBERRY, Mo., Aug. 21.—Morris Brown, 10 years old, was riding horseback near his father's farm today. At an old footbridge he met several boys of his own age.

"Dare you to ride across," one of the youngsters shouted.

The horse stepped on the structure, slipped and plunged from the bridge, carrying Morris down with him. The lad's skull was fractured and he died shortly afterward.

White House Going To Shadow Lawn

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Wilson plans to spend practically all September and October at Shadow Lawn, the summer White House in New Jersey. Removal of office furniture from executive offices was begun today.

From Bar to Pulpit Long Leap Made by Pennsylvania Man

CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—The Rev. William M. Saunders has deserted the saloon business for the pulpit. Mr. Saunders, who formerly conducted a saloon in Smithton, Pa., has been appointed pastor of the Avondale Presbyterian church here. When Saunders decided a few years ago to devote his life to the ministry, he closed his bar and entered the McCormick Theological seminary as a student.

HEADS OF ROADS GIVEN SUMMONS TO WHITE HOUSE

Called to Unexpected Conference,
Make No Statement.

TERMS BEING OUTLINED

Seek Proposal That Will Meet
Approval of Unions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—The railroad presidents, working today with their committee of managers to devise some means of averting the threatened strike which would accept in the main President Wilson's plan, but at the same time preserve the principle of arbitration, were summoned to the White House suddenly this afternoon. The presidents responded to the call, but said they would make no statement unless Mr. Wilson requests it.

Leaders of the railroad executive declared they are united against the president's plan as it stands and hope to agree on some form of counter proposal. "The railroad presidents are considering under what circumstances they can find a way to accept the eight-hour day basis and still conserve the principle of arbitration which has become the crux of the whole fight."

Hope for Way Out.
Western railroad presidents arriving here today seemed confident that a way will be found to avert the strike.

The men, after a brief meeting today adjourned until Tuesday, awaiting developments, and meanwhile sent delegates to congressmen to acquaint them with the details of the controversy.

The situation continued, as both sides expressed it, serious, but both sides hoped for a way out.

Western Heads Arrive.
The western railway presidents summoned Saturday began coming in this morning. Louis W. Hill of the Great Northern, principal heir to the vast properties of the late James J. Hill and E. P. Ripley, the veteran president of the Santa Fe, were among the first. Neither had any statement to make.

The incoming executives conferred with those already here and with the managers' committee to familiarize themselves with the negotiations so far. All the western presidents are expected before Tuesday noon. By that time it is expected about 100 railway heads will be assembled for the next conference with the president.

Propose Commission.
One of the suggestions the railroad presidents are prepared to make at the White House was for legislation to create a board or commission to investigate when trouble threatened between employers and employees. Under such a plan the board would be required by a act of congress and probably would be empowered to examine witnesses to determine the merits of any controversy. Pending its investigation the employees would not be permitted to strike or take a strike vote. After the board had reached its conclusions from the facts a public report would be made and there would be opportunity for arbitration but it would not be compulsory. If arbitration were refused the board would send to each employee of the railroad interested a statement of the railroad's position and the board's finding. These statements would be before every employee when he came to a strike vote.

Deaths in Storm Stand at Thirteen

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, Aug. 21.—No further reports of loss of life from Friday night's tropical storm which did severe damage in this section had been received to 10 o'clock today, and it was believed the death list would stand at thirteen and the property damage at about \$2,000,000.

St. Joseph Folks Must Be Twice as Good as Others

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 21.—Before night St. Joseph probably will have two metropolitan police forces as a result of Lieutenant Governor Painter's removal of Dr. U. G. Crandall and Joseph L. McDonald, members of the board of police commissioners, and the appointment of a new board.

The new board plans this afternoon to appoint a new chief of police who will build up the new department from the men of the present department who are loyal to him. All persons arrested by the new department probably will be locked up in the county jail.

Citizens in Training.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Aug. 21.—Seven hundred and fifty citizens from all the mountain cities around here are attending the Fort Douglas military training camp which opened today.